GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri. Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District (now Retd.) - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.82 Dated:23.01.2024

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.22 , Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt:19.01.2024

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri. Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District and now retired from service on 30.04.2023 in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the D.G., ACB during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla, Srikakulam District, on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II & III).

3. Sri. Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District and now retired is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri. Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District and now retired is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri. Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District and now retired is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above further actions will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri. Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District and now retired is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri. Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District (now Retd.) and now retired is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN, IAS
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To:
Sri. Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, the then Senior Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District (now Retd) through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

P.T.O

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Srikakulam District.
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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-1

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI.DEVULAPALLI SANYASI RAO, SENIOR ASSISTANT, ETCHERLA MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN SC.NO 3/SC-ACB/ SKL/ 2020 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

Sri Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, Senior Assistant, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District District (Here-in after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period from 16.10.2016 to 24.01.2020 (till the date of surprise check) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE: 1:-

a). The Retired Government Servant as in-charge of the post of Dy.Tahsildar, Ethcerla has failed to supervise the work of staff due to which some records are not being maintained properly (Right to Information Act Register, Records of Rights Act, Mutation Register are maintained from 01.07.2017 to 18.01.2018 only) and some records and not being maintained by the Junior Assistant (The maintenance of the register of file disposal, tour Diary watch register, Income & Caste certificates through mee-seva and other registers with regard to the establishment of villages and office establishment), many Mee-Seva applications are kept pending beyond the SLA period and also many applications are being rejected without conducting any enquiries and kept 17 pattadar passbooks with VRA without disbursing the same to the applicants.

CHARGE: 2

The Government Servant failed to maintain the Right to Information Act Register, Records of Rights Act, Mutation Register (Maintained from 01.07.2017 to 18.01.2018 only), Mee-Seva and Webland portal registers and other important registers.

CHARGE: 3

The Government Servant Kept as many as 62 applications in his almirah without endorsing them to the concerned or forwarding them to the Tahsildar, Etcherla.i.e., as these applications were found at the time of surprise check.

Thus, the Retired Govt. Servant Sri. Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, Sr.Asst. I/c Dy. Tahsildar, Etcherla, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Retired Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated the Rule 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5)of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules,1980.

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI.DEVULAPALLI SANYASI RAO, SENIOR ASSISTANT, ETCHERLA MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN SC.NO. 03/SC-ACB/SKL/2020 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE

Sri.Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, S/o late Narasimha Murthy is a native of Kottavalasa village, Rajam Mandal, Srikakulam District. His date of birth is 14.04.1960. He joined in Government Service on 05.02.1992 as Village Administrative Officer and got promotion as Senior Assistant on 10.02.2012 and worked as such from 16.10.2016 to on the date of surprise check i.e., on 24.01.2020. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.04.2020. He is here-in-after called as Retired Government Servant (Retired G.S)

CHARGE - I:

a). The Retired Government Servant as in-charge of the post of Dy.Tahsildar, Ethcerla has failed to supervise the work of staff due to which some records are not being maintained properly *(Right to Information Act Register, Records of Rights Act, Mutation Register are maintained from 01.07.2017 to 18.01.2018 only)* and some records and not being maintained by the Junior Assistant (*The maintenance of the register of file disposal, tour Diary watch register, Income & Caste certificates through mee-seva and other registers with regard to the establishment of villages and office establishment),* many Mee-Seva applications are kept pending beyond the SLA period and also many applications are being rejected without conducting any enquiries and kept 17 pattadar passbooks with VRA without disbursing the same to the applicants.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE :-

On credible information the Revenue officials of Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam district are collecting bribes from the public for various works, committing so many irregularities in processing the applications of the public for various services and also in the maintenance of registers. On that, the ACB officials of Srikakulam Range conducted a surprise check on the O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla from 11.50 AM to 10:00 PM on 24.01.2020 in the presence of official mediators.

By the time the Surprise Check party reached the office of Tahsildar, Etcherla, some of the staff were found in the office room. Then, the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam disclosed his identity and the identities of other members and requested the staff to disclose their identities. Upon which, they revealed their identity as 1) Devulapalli Sanyasi Rao, S/o late Narasimha Murthy, 60 years, Senior Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla, Srikakulam 2) Vandrangi Srinivasarao, S/o late Bheema Sankara Rao, 48 years, Assistant Statistical Officer, Etcherla, 3) Damisetty Mounika, W/o M.Nagendra Kumar, Election Computer Operator (Out-sourcing), 4) Vasantha Ramesh, S/o Ramarao, 29 years, VRA, Arinam Akkivalasa, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District 5) Mallapureddy Ramesh, S/o

Kesavarao, 45 years, Office Subordinate (Deaf and Dumb), 6) Mindi Ravi, S/o Seetharamulu, 26 years, Watch and Ward-man (Out-sourcing), 7) Tankala Yaswanth, S/o late Appalasuryanarayana Naidu, 26 years, VRO, Tamminaidupeta, 8) Etcherla Kanakayya, S/o Rajappadu, 45 years, VRA, Chinarayapalli, SSR Puram Panchayat, 9) Gangu Venkata Ramana S/o late Rajappadu, 46 years, Junior Assistant, 10) Jaka Baburao s/o late Thavitayya, 50 years, Office Subordinate, Etcherla 11) Dusi Laxmi, W/o Gaddeyya, 45 years, Etcherla village and mandal, Sweeper.

The Inspector examined all the above staff except Mallapureddy Ramesh who is deaf and dumb and recorded their statements.

Later, the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam questioned the Junior Assistant to produce the records being maintained in the office. Upon this, the Junior Assistant Sri Gangu Venkata Ramana produced the following records.

1) **Personal Register**: Maintained for receipt of records from one seat to another. It is being maintained since 06.01.2017 and last was made on 11.10.2017 vide L.Dis. No. 365/2017 dated 11.10.2017 with regard to the date of birth certificate of Ponnada Lavanya. The Junior Assistant produced another register but no entries were made in this register from 2018 to till date. This register is not being maintained at any other seat.

2) **Watch Register for Birth and Death Certificates**: Maintained from 16.6.1997 and the last entry was made on 11.10.2019 on page No. 28 with regard to the issuance of the certificate to Bugatha Sanyasi s/o late Venkanna of Chilakapalem.

3) **Non-Availability Register**: This is connected register to the Watch Register for Birth and Death Certificates. It is being maintained since 2019. The last entry pertains to Yenda Kamala D/o Jogulu of Dharmavaram village, Etcherla Mandal.

4) **New Ration Card Register**: Maintained from 1.1.2017 to 8.3.2019. It was shown in the register that 18 Ration cards were received on 8.3.2019. The last entry pertains to Bora Swathi.

5) **Spandana Register**: This register was initially maintained as 'Grievance Register' and later, it is being continued as Spandana Register. It is being maintained since 7.8.2019 and the last entry was made on 31.12.2019 with regard to the receipt of the petition of Sri Sadhu Kuramayya. A total of 145 petitions were received as per the entries made in this register. All the petitions were endorsed to the Revenue Inspectors as per the register but the disposals were not mentioned in the register.

6) **Spandana Attendance Register**: Maintained from 15.7.2019. The last entry was made on 20.1.2020 on which date, Sri R. Ramana Murthy, Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Department and Sri B.Kondalarao, Assistant Labour Officer, Srikakulam attended the grievance of the public.

Sri Devulapalli Sanyasirao, the Senior Assistant has produced the following records and on perusal, it is found that:

7) **MeeSeva Web-land Mutation Register**: Maintained from 1.7.2017. The last entry was made on 18.1.2018 pertaining to the application of P.Adilaxmi of Ponnada village vide application No. 804532625. It contains 1 to 77 pages.

8) **Local Tappals Register**: Maintained from 06.09.2018 to 17.1.2020. The last entry was made pertaining to the order dated 4.12.2019 in OS No. 156/2016 on the file of the Principal Junior Civil Judge, Srikakulam.

9) **Distribution Register**: Maintained from the year 2018. This register is meant for the allocation of the number to the references. The last entry was made on 29 pages for addressing the letter to District Collector for the budget. It contains 1 to 262 pages.

10) **Meeting Attendance Register of Village Revenue Officers**: Maintained from 17.2.2017 to 20.1.2020. The last entry was made on page No. 116.

11) **e-Pass Book Distribution Register**: Maintained from 28.8.2018. The last entry was made at 72 pages pertaining to the issuance of the book to Kanugula Sairaju.

The Photostat copies of the above registers were taken and they were prepared as a made-up file containing 24 sheets and they were attested by the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam and the mediators. The original registers were handed over to the Senior and Junior Assistants;

Except for the above registers, the other registers like Mee-Seva Register, Attendance Register, Mutation Register, Form-8 Register and Personal Register are not being maintained in the office.

Later, the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam verified the almirah of the Senior Assistant and on verification, there were 62 applications found without any endorsement to anybody. So, the Photostat copies of all these applications were taken and they were prepared as a made-up file containing 174 sheets duly attested by the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam and the mediators. The original applications were returned to the Senior Assistant.

Then the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam got verified the status of MeeSeva applications from 1st July 2019 through Sri Vasantha Ramesh, VRA of Arinam Akkivalasa who is now attending the work, in place of Smt. Ch. Suguna is on maternity leave. The Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam got taken a printout of the search criteria on the dashboard and the following is the status:

Total requests on different services (total 67)	Approved requests	Rejected requests	Pending within SLA	Lapsing SLA in 24 H	Pending beyond SLA
14518	10949	3042	287	3	162

The Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam got taken print out of the status of all the 3042 rejected and 162 pending beyond SLA petitions and randomly picked some of the rejected petitions, verified the status in the MeeSeva portal and found the reasons were not mentioned in any of the rejected petitions which obviously speaks about the mal-intention

of the concerned. The inspector, ACB, Srikakulam listed out the status of the requests made and their pendency in some of the services and they are as follows:

S.No.	Service Name	Total Requests	Approved Requests	Rejected Requests	Pending with SLA	Lapsing SLA in 24 hours	Pending beyond SLA
1	Mutation and title deed cum pattadar passbook	2681	874	1542	114	01	151
2	Addition of Survey No. in Adangal	02	--	02	--	--	--
3	Sub Division	42	37	03	02	--	--
4	Income certificate	72	38	32	02	--	--
5	Issuance of income and Asset certificates for economically weaker sections	57	40	16	01	--	--
6	Integrated certificate	8635	8099	485	46	--	--
7	OBC certificates	749	657	79	13	--	--
8	Family Member certificate	125	83	30	11	--	01
9	No Earning member certificate	03	02	01	--	--	--
10	Correction in Adangal/Pahani	734	01	675	58	01	--
11	Late Registration of Birth	734	01	675	58	01	--
12	Late Registration of Death	04	--	--	04	--	--
13	E Passbook Replacement	238	85	148	05	--	--
14	No property certificate	01	--	01	--	--	--
15	F line Application (New)	231	143	13	-	-	02
16	Modification in 22 A list	20	--	--	12	01	08
	Total:::	14328	10060	3702	326	4	162

The Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam prepared a made-up file containing 76 sheets duly attested by the Inspector and the mediators.

The Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam verified the bag of VRA Sri Vasantha Ramesh which is available at the computer itself in the office and on verification, the following pattadar passbooks were found in the bag.

DETAILS OF PATTADAR PASSBOOKS

S.No.	Katha Number	Pass Book No.	Name and address	Phone Number
01	597	01A08P0010000055	Ambati Thavitamma W/o late Venkatarao, Door No. 1-4, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal.	9492826417
02	645	01708S001000304	Potnuru Josginaidu S/o late Krishnamaurthy, Door No. 2-56, Fareedpeta, Etcherla, Srikakulam	9640748155
03	337	01908R001000062	Gattim Ramesh S/o Satyanarayana, Door No. 2-45, Arinam Akkivalasa Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam.	9989074266
04	612	01Y08X001000101	Pandiripalli Ganiraju S/o late Ramulu, Door No. 3-2-102, Ramarajya Nagar, Vijayawada Urban.	7386888552
05	600	01L08B001000064	Pandiripalli Durgarao S/o late bodhayya, Door No. 451, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.	9492172218
06	591	01Q08K001000047	Akula Venkatarao S/o Satyam, Door No. 1-161, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.	9492826417
07	615	01Z08B001000113	Kongarapu Sombabu S/o late latchayya, Door No. 4-23, Arinak Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal.	9989484534
08	597	01908R001000052	Ambati Thavitamma W/o late Venkatarao, Door No. 1-4, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.	9492826417
09	462	012085001000049	Pandiripalli Apparao S/o Satyam, Door No. 1-138, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.	7702187496
10	546	01F088001000005	Bogi Triveni W/o late Venkataramana, C-128, Peddaraopalli, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam	--
11	126	01K08J001000086	Peddi Satyam S/o Thata, Door No. 1-97, Main Street, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.	9676758154
12	390	01N085001000001	Kurapati Harinadhababu W/o Gangaraju, Arinam Akkivalasa, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam district.	9494944107
13	304	01G083001000095	Lenka Ravanamma W/o Sriramulu, Door No. 1-25,	8367333506

			Main Street, Narasapuram, Ponduru Mandal, Srikakulam District.	
14	130	01QG8N001000073	Bala Narayanarao S/o late Appayya, Door No. 1-134, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.	8555866064
15	409	01I086001000135	Pandiripalli Nagaraju S/o Satyam, Door No. 1-74, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.	9177065446
16	416	588685 (old)	Vasantha Ramarao S/o late Asiripayya, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.	--
17	421	03144 (old)	Vasantha Thavadu S/o late Asripayya, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.	--

The computer operator/VRA intentionally kept all these passbooks with him.

Then the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam verified one of the almirahs in the Revenue Inspector Room which was opened by the Senior Assistant and on verification of the almirah, there are 10 MeeSeva applications of various persons. The Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam verified the status of these petitions in the MeeSeva portal and found in the status that they were rejected beyond the SLA period. Following are the details:

S.No.	**Application Number**	**Applicant name**	**Date of Apply**	**Date of Reject**	**Duration time reject the application**
1	RMU011903067200	Pydi Varaha Narasimham	28.09.2019	15.11.2019	47 days
2	RMU 0111903067150	Pydi Usha	28.9.2019	15.11.2019	47 days
3	RMU 011903016535	Pydi Laxmi	21.9.2019	12.11.2019	51 days
4	RMU 011902969309	Kuna Syamalarao	14.9.2019	31.10.2019	46 days
5	TARTP 0111900964050	Annepu Paparao	2.8.2019	13.8.2019	12 Days
6	RMU 011903050181	Pydi Prabavathi	26.9.2019	14.11.2019	49 days
7	RMU 011902547767	Jagalanki Ashok Kumar	30.7.2019	05.09.2019	35 days
8	RMU 011903149112	Annepu Satyanarayana	10.10.2019	16.11.2019	37 days
9	RMU 011903050294	Vamanapalli Sujatha	26.09.2019	14.11.2019	48 days
10	RMU 0111903049194	Pydi Laxmanarao	26.09.2019	13.11.2019	47 days

The Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam seized all the above petitions and they were prepared as a made-up file containing 145 sheets duly attested by the Inspector and the mediators.

In another almirah, there are a bunch of Mee-Seva applications in pell-mell state and the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam picked 14 applications randomly and on verification in the MeeSeva portal, they were found rejected beyond the SLA period. Following are the details.

S. No.	Application Number	Applicant name	Date of Apply	Date of Reject	Duration time reject the application
1	RMU 011903634163	Sadhu Kamayya	7.12.2019	21.1.2020	44 days
2	RMU 0119036685265	Bonthala Ramulamma	16.12.2019	21.01.2020	35 days
3	RMU 011903685298	Bonthala Ramulamma	16.12.2019	21.01.2020	45 days
4	RMU 011903666711	Sadhu Apparao	12.12.2019	21.01.2020	39 days
5	RMU 011903634169	Bachu Satyanarayana	7.12.2019	08.01.2020	31 days
6	RMU 011903015433	Pujari Sajana	21.09.2019	29.10.2019	38 days
7	RMU 011903451192	Dukka Ramarao	09.11.2019	13.12.2019	34 days
8	RMU 011903463508	Dukka Satyanarayana	11.11.2019	13.12.2019	32 days
9	RMU 011903689268	Paidi Narayanamma	17.12.2019	20.1.2010	34 days
10	RMU 011903670801	Burada Siva Krishna	13.12.2019	21.1.2020	38 days
11	RMU 011903666515	Jogi Adinarayana	12.12.2019	21.1.2020	39 days
12	RMU 011903701268	Paidi Syamalarao	18.12.2019	22.01.2020	34 days
13	RMU 01200734297	Basa Gurayya	10.12.2019	02.01.2020	22 days
14	RMU 011903679588	Boddepalli Ramanarao	15.12.2019	20.01.2020	36 days
15	RMU 011902991025	Potnuiru Ramarao	18.09.2019	09.11.2019	53 days
16	RMU 011903661229	V.Vardhanamma	12.12.2019	Not viewed	

The Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam seized all the above applications and prepared a made-up file containing 128 sheets duly attested by the Inspector and the mediators.

During the surprise check, it is noticed that

1) Maintenance of records is poor.

2) Some of the records like the Mee Seva Register, Attendance Register, Mutation Register and Form-8 Register are not maintained in the office and according to Senior and Junior Assistants, the records are not maintained in the office.

3) The petitions received through Mee-Seva were rejected without proper reason/no reason.

4) Personal Cash Declaration Register is not maintained in the office and the office staff is found in possession of cash unauthorizedly, without mentioning the same in the Personal Cash Declaration Register by the time of their entry into the office as per the norms imposed by the Government.

5) Being a responsible officer, the Tahsildar, Etcherla did not turn up to the office during the entire period of proceedings despite making repeated calls to his cell phone and did not pick up the calls even as it is the minimum responsibility of a Government

Servant who is provided with a Government SIM, to know the identity of the caller, to attend his/her grievance if any.

6) Pattadar passbooks are kept with the staff/officials intentionally without disbursing to the applicants and irregularities are being committed by the staff and officials and so, a detailed report will be submitted to the Government in this regard for taking necessary action against the erring officials.

During the course of enquiry, the District Collector, Srikakulam furnished the information through Rc.No 417/2020, A2 Dt 15/02/2020 on 15.02.2020 in which they furnished the job charts of the Tahsildar, Dy. Tahsildar, Revenue Inspectors, Village Revenue Officer, Village Revenue Officer and Village Revenue Assistant and etc

During the course of enquiry, the District Collector, Srikakulam furnished the information through Rc.No 417/2020, A2 Dt 10/03/2020 on 10.03.2020. On perusal of the information, it is learnt that O/o District Collector, Srikakulam forwarded the information as furnished by the Tahsildar, Etcherla.

During the course of enquiry, the Revenue Divisional Officer furnished the information through Letter Rc.No.633/2020/C. O/o Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam Division, Srikakulam District Dated:08.07.2020 in which he furnished that the Senior Assistant was hold in the charge of Dy.Tahsildar from 01.01.2020 to 24.02.2020 as per the proceedings of the Tahsildar, Etcherla and he also furnished that the VRA is not competent to distribute the 17 e-PPB and etc.

During the course of inquiry, the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam Range secured the presence of **Sri M.V. Ramana, Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District and Sri Balivada Dayanidhi, District Revenue Officer, Srikakualm, Srikakualam District and examined and recorded their statements.**

Sri M.V. Ramana, Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District in his statement stated that the procedure for issuance of mutation and e-patta dar passbooks is that after receiving intimation/application through Mee Seva for issuance of e-patta dar passbook, the Deputy Tahsildar concerned has to download the application on the same day and send it to village Revenue Officer/ Mandal Surveyor for preliminary verification. Then, the Village Revenue officer has to conduct the preliminary enquiry with reference to the documents (R.R.S., Adangal, Link documents and 1B., etc) and with reference to the field possession to ascertain whether the subject land belongs to the applicant or not, within two days. Based on the report of the village Revenue officer, Revenue Inspector along with Mandal Surveyor has to verify the record and give a detailed report along with notional sub Division numbers assigned as Assistant/Dy. Tahsildar for preparation of Form –VIII notice along with Draft amendment to Form 1B and Adangal. After preparation of Form VIII notice along with a draft amendment to Form 1B, adangal by ROR Assistant/Dy. Tahsildar, the Tahsildar shall issue Form VIII notice with his/her signature to the vendor and vendee and also to other interested farmers of the land and for publication. Notice shall be prepared within 3 days from the date of receipt of

intimation. Then, the form VIII notice has to be published as per Rule 19(1) immediately. After that VRO, RI and Surveyor have to submit a detailed report to Deputy Tahsildar with reference to the objections received if any, Deputy Tahsildar has to verify the enquiry report thoroughly with connected records and present the factual position of the land, Deputy Tahsildar shall furnish remarks to accept or reject shall furnish remarks to accept or reject the mutation with a digital signature in his login. Based on the information furnished by Deputy Tahsildar from his login and report of field staff duly uploaded, the Tahsildar has to conclude whether the mutation can be accepted or rejected. Based on the objections received if any within the stipulated time, objections raised by persons interested in land on the stipulated day it has to be enquired about as per the procedure prescribed. Then the Tahsildar shall generate proceedings in web land with the Digital signature of the Tahsildar. If no objections are received within the stipulated period, Tahsildar has to approve the draft Form 1B mutation based on the reports and effect necessary changes in ROR as per the procedure. The time limit for issuing mutation, Title Deed and E-Pattadar Passbook is 30 days from the date of application at the Mee-Seva centre.

The mutation Register and E-Pattadar passbook issue register should be maintained in the Tahsildar office. Village-wise e-Pattadar passbooks issue register should also be maintained by concerned VROs. The Village Revenue Assistant of any village is not competent to be in possession of the pattadar passbooks of applicants as the distribution work of pattadar passbooks is entrusted to concerned VROs only.

As per the Job Chart of the Tahsildars and other revenue officials communicated through G.O. Ms No. 3 dated 05.01.1990 of Revenue (Ser.III) Department, the Dy. Tahsildar is entrusted

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The facts and material so gathered revealed that the Retired Government Servant Sri Devulapalli Sanyasirao, Senior Assistant, I/C Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District committed grave misconduct.

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The Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for the major penalty.

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ANNEXURE – III

ORAL EVIDENCE :-

1). Sri Devi Venkata Prasad , Head Master, ZPH School, Patrunivalasa, Srikakulam.

He is the mediator-1 and he speaks about the surprise check proceedings on 24.01.2020 and the seizure of an illegal amount seized from the employees of Tahsildar office, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam Dist.

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3. Smt. Ambati Thavitamma, W/o late Venkata Rao, age 62 years, Door No. 1-4, Arinam Akkivalasa village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.

She stated that in 2018 she applied for mutation and issuance of an e-pattadar passbook of the lands into her name from her husband's name after his demise. The then VRO Sriram ensure to mutate and to issuance of an e-pattadar passbook at an early date. When she met the VRO Sriram many times, he informed her that the e-pattadar passbook would come in due course. But she did not receive the e-pattadar passbook.

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He stated that in the year 2018, he applied through Mee-Seva for mutation of his name, his mother's name and his wife's name for the lands inherited from him and purchased by him. Later, he met their VRO Sriram and informed them about applying for mutation and e-patta dar passbook. The VRO Sriram informed him that the passbook would come within 2 or 3 months. Later their VRA Sri V. Ramesh came to him and gave one passbook (i.e., after the date of surprise check). But to date, the passbooks in the name of his mother and wife are not received etc., facts.

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10. **Sri Annepu Paparao, S/o late Pentayya, age 70 years, Kusalapuram village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District.**

He stated that he has 0.78 cents of land in Kusalapuram village and he lost the pattadar passbook. When he approached their VRO Sri Kishore and informed the same. The VRO Sri Kishore advised him to apply through mee-seva for the issuance of an e-

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15. Sri. B. Hari, Inspector of Police, ACB, Srikakulam Range.

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Any other witness to be required that will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE – IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:-

1). Surprise check proceedings as on 24.01.2020

It shows the seizure of the records, poor maintenance of registers and other irregularities committed by the staff of the O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla.

2). Made-up- file containing 24 sheets in which the photostat copies of the i).Personal Register, ii).Watch Register for Birth and Death Certificates, iii). Non-Availability Register, iv). New Ration Card Register, v). Spandana Register, vi). Spandana Attendance Register, vii). Mee-Seva Web-land Mutation Register, viii). Local Tappals Register, ix). Distribution Register, x). Meeting Attendance Register of Village Revenue Officers, xi). E-Pass Book Distribution Register and they were attested by the Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam and the mediators. The original registers were handed over to the Senior and Junior Assistants.

It shows that except for the above registers, the other registers like Right to Information Act Register, Records of Rights Act, Mutation Register (Maintained from 01.07.2017 to 18.01.2018 only), Mee-Seva and Webland portal registers, register of file disposal, tour Diary watch register, Income & Caste certificates through mee-seva and other registers with regard to the establishment of villages and office establishment are not being maintained in the Tahsildar office, Etcherla, Srikakulam District.

3). Made-up file containing copies of 62 applications found in the almirah of the Senior Accountant without any endorsement to anybody containing 174 sheets and the original applications were returned to the senior accountant for further process.

4). Made-up file containing the status of all the 3042 rejected and 162 pending beyond SLA petitions in which some of the rejected applications were verified and found that the reasons were not mentioned in any of the rejected applications which obviously mal-intention of the concerned. The made-up file contains - 76 sheets.

5). The made-up file containing 10 Mee-Seva applications of various persons found in the almirah of the Revenue Inspector which were verified in the Mee-Seva portal and found that they were rejected beyond the SLA period. The made-up file contains- 128 Sheets.

6). The made-up file containing the Photostat copies of 23 pattadar passbooks in which 17 Pattadar passbooks were found in the bag of Sri Vasantha Ramesh, VRA, Arinam Akkivalasa and the remaining 6 pattadar passbooks were found at almirah of the Tahsildar in the room of Tahsildar. All the original passbooks were handed over to the Senior Accountant to distribute to applicants.

7). Reply received from District Collector, Srikakulam vide Rc.No 417/2020, A2 Dt 15/02/2020, Collector's office, Srikakulam.

It shows the cadre strength particulars of the staff in the O/oTahsildar, Etcherla and the role of each employee in processing the applications received through the mee-seva portal.

8). Reply received from District Collector, Srikakulam vide Rc.No 417/2020, A2 Dt 10/03/2020, Collector's office, Srikakulam along with letter Rc. No. 56/2020 A dated 06.03.2020 of the Tahsildar, Etcherla.

It is the complete information with regard to the registers maintained, officers/staff responsible for maintenance of respective registers, reasons for the delay in processing the mee-seva applications and rejection of the applications etc., as furnished by the Tahsildar, Etcherla.

9). Reply received from the RDO, Srikakulam vide letter Rc. No. 633/2020/C dated 08.07.2020 O/o Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam Division, Srikakulam along with a copy of proceedings Rc.No. 627/2017 A4 dated 30.11.2019 of the District Collector, Srikakulam and Rc.No. 09/2019/B dated 30.11.2019 of the Tahsildar, Etcherla.

It shows that Sri D. Sanyasi Rao, Sr. Asst., O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla was kept in charge of the post of Dy. Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Etcherla until further orders.

Any other documents to be required that wil be produced at the time of inquiry.

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